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Re: 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Madam or Sir,

We strenuously urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit slaughter of downed animals. For the sake of human health, animals unable to stand due to sickness or injury should not enter the human food chain. For the sake of humane compassion, such weakened animals should not be pushed with tractors or pulled with chains.

Since downed animals comprise only a small percentage of all slaughtered animals, removing them from "the market" will not impose great financial hardship on slaughter houses. And since 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better husbandry practices, granting this petition will provide incentive to the industry to provide better care.

Thank You,



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